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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/176,510

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
John Hayes

Group Art Unit
2761



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 14 July 1999.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☒ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 08/886,485.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on 14 Jul 1999, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Goerge H. Gates on 11 August 1999.

2. The application has been amended as follows: After the title on page 1 of the specification, enter the following: ---This patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 08/886,485 entitled *Multi-Transaction Service System*, filed 1 July 1997, now pending---

Drawings

3. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawings, filed on 22 July 1999 have been approved.

4. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Insert reference characters "111", "114" and "115 on Figure 3 to be consistent with the specification, page 11, lines 16 and 17. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

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5. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-32 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per amended claim 1 and newly added claim 17, the prior art of record taken either individually or in combination fails to disclose or teach a multi-transaction services system comprising (as in claim 1), or a method for providing multi-transaction services comprising (as in claim 17) application services being performed in a third interface layer between the first and second interface layers, wherein the application services are connectable to any channel in a channel-independent manner, wherein the application services perform one or more channel-independent functions using data supplied by the operations means, wherein the operations means is unaware of the function being performed by the application service, and wherein each application service is comprised of Presentation, Function, and Data Management elements.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Hayes whose telephone number is (703)306-5447. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:15.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Voeltz, can be reached on (703) 305-9714.

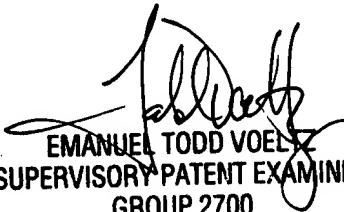
The Fax phone number for the **UNOFFICIAL FAX** for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-0040 (for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

The Fax phone number for the **OFFICIAL FAX** for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-9051 or 9052 (for formal communications intended for entry).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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